

REPORT OF TOWN MEETING MARCH 14, 1944

Meeting was called to order by the Moderator at 9:15 A. M.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Dr. Clapp.

The warrant was read by the Moderator.

It was voted to keep the polls open until 7:00 P. M.

Article I.

The town proceeded to elect its Town Officers by Australian Ballot. The polls were closed for voting at 7:00 P. M., then the officers proceeded to count the ballots.

The business meeting was called to order at 8:45 P. M.

Article II.

The Budget Committee recommended that we raise the sum of \$30,098.54 to defray town charges for the ensuing year.

Motion carried that we raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,098.54 to be used with the unexpended balance in the treasury to defray town charges for the ensuing year.

Article III.

The Budget Committee recommended that this Article be passed as read.

Motion carried that we raise the sum of \$1,500 for tarvia.

Article IV.

The Budget Committee recommended that this Article be passed as read.

Motion made that we raise the sum of \$151.24 for T. R. A. so called. Motion carried.

Article V.

The Budget Committee recommended that this Article be passed as read.

Motion carried that the Town waive its right-of-way in the land given the Town by L. D. Peaslee in 1907, and accept in transfer a lot of land running on the Northerly line of the land of the Kingston Masonic Building Association and extending from the highway to the pond; to be maintained as a public right-of-way.

Article VI.

The Budget Committee reported that not knowing enough of the details about this Article they would make no recommendation, but suggested that if Newton would do their part they would recommend that this Article be passed.

Motion carried that the sum of \$200 be raised and appropriated for repairs on the right-of-way leading from Newton line to the end of Hoyt's Island, and that Roland Cheney be authorized to use his own judgment as to how much of that should be spent.

Article VII.

The Budget Committee suggested that we pass over this article.

Motion carried that we pass over Article VII.

Article VIII.

The Budget Committee made no recommendation at this time.

Motion passed that the sum of \$250 be raised in addition to the amount already in the budget for the up-keep of all cemeteries in Kingston.

Article IX.

Motion carried that the U. S. Army have the hall free when they present the badges to the Air Raid Observers.

Motion passed that we celebrate the 250th anniversary of this town at a time more feasible after the war; also that a committee of five be appointed to make tentative plans for same.

Motion carried that the Treasurer and Selectmen be authorized to borrow the sum of \$8,000 in anticipation of taxes.

Motion passed that the Selectmen be empowered to pay the Secretary-Treasurer of the Trustees of Trust Funds \$50 annually, including expenses.

Rep. Warren Keay reported that due to the gas shortage the O. P. A. officials would not sanction a bus line through Kingston, but they still had hope that before long they would be able to have one.

Motion carried that the Town put the Eastman property up for sale again and also claim the \$50 deposit on the original sale.

Motion to adjourn at 10:40 P. M.

The following is a result of Article I.

NOTE: (Those names marked with an "x" took their oath of office, and were declared elected by the Moderator.)

Total number of votes cast 147.

Town Clerk	Votes
x Gardner H. Conant	137
Selectman for 3 years	
x J. Edward Stevens	140
Treasurer	
x Arthur P. Tucker	132
Tax Collector	
x George E. Shaw	142

Road Agent	
Roland Cheney	136
Auditors (Vote for two)	
Russell Ingalls	15
Leonard Hadley	12
Chief of Police	
x Harry L. Carter	137
Police Officers	
x Melvin E. Martin	136
x Charles B. Meeks	103
Janitor of Town Hall	
x Willmont S. Elmer	114
Trustee of Trust Funds for 3 years	
Roland Cheney	16
Trustee of Trust Funds for 2 years	
E. Chase Rowell	4
Fire Wards	
Edward B. Clark	131
Frederick S. Nichols	127
George B. Stevens	131
Library Trustee for 3 years	
Andrew Christie	108
Library Trustee for 2 years	
x Eunice L. Clark	120
Sexton of Cemetery	
Daniel Swett	25
Leonard Sanborn	2

Respectfully submitted,

GARDNER H. CONANT,

Town Clerk.